

Annapolis, May 10th, 1906.

At 11 a. m., the Board of Public Works of Maryland, consisting of Governor Warfield, Treasurer Vandiver and Comptroller Atkinson accompanied by Commander Howard of the State Fishery Force, inspected the various vessels of the force assembled in Annapolis Harbor for that purpose.

The "Governor Thomas" was the only vessel absent, it being laid up for repairs in Baltimore.

At 2.15 o'clock p. m., the Board convened in the large reception room of the Executive Chamber at Annapolis, to hear the various applicants for appointment as Deputy Commanders in the State Fishery Force, and their friends. As the name of each vessel of the Force was called, the Governor asked if there were any applicants for that place.

No other applicants than the present commanders appeared to ask for the command for the following vessels.

The "Governor McLane", Wicomico County, James A. Turner present Commander.

The "Anna B. Smith," Kent County, James R. Downey, present commander.

The "Frolic", Queen Anne's County, John W. Jones, present commander.

The "Coronet", Talbot County, Jno. H. Jones, present commander.

The "Nellie Jackson," Wicomico County, Robert F. Walter, present commander.

The "Helen Baughman", Somerset County, Alfred H. Lawson, present commander.

When Dorchester County was reached, Capt. Thos. N. Wheatley, asked reappointment to the command of the "Julia Hamilton." Ex-Senator Applegarth presented the application of Mr. B. C. Harrison. Messrs. Applegarth, Jno. W. Fletcher, Jno. R. Tubman, and G. B. Linthicum spoke in behalf of Mr. Harrison; and Emerson C. Harrington and Hon. W. Laird Henry endorsed Mr. Wheatley.

To the command of the "Brown-Smith-Jones", Capt. Bruce C. Dean asked re-appointment. Senator Applegarth presented an opposition candidate in the person of F. O. Langrell, Messrs. Applegarth, Trice, Fletcher and Tubman all spoke for Mr. Langrell. Mr. Emerson C. Harrington and Hon. W. Laird Henry spoke for Mr. Dean.

Anne Arundel being called, Captain Wm. H. Saunders asked re-appointment to the "May Brown," and Capt. Jas. H. Nowell to the "Daisy Archer." Dr. George Wells and Dr. Davidson spoke for Capt. Saunders. Dr. Davidson presented the claims of Mr. Edwin N. Dixon for command of the "Daisy Archer," and Mayor Douw of Annapolis also endorsed him. Mr. Robert Moss spoke for Mr. Nowell. One Thos. Rogers protested to the Board against the re-appointment of Mr. Nowell, claiming that he permits tonging without a license.

When St. Mary's County was called, Capt. J. Thos. Bond, Jr., asked re-appointment to the "Folly." Senator Greenwell presented the name of J. Thos. Dixon for that boat. Dr. Hayden of the House of Delegates, and Mr. J. Thos. Bond, Sr. spoke for Mr. J. Thos. Bond, Jr.

For command of the "Bessie Jones", Capt. George W. Maddox seeks re-appointment. Dr. Hayden and Mr. W. Harris Camalier endorsed Capt. Maddox, and said that he had been most efficient. Senator Greenwell presented the name of Capt. Richard H. Bennett, who seeks Mr. Maddox' place.

Messrs. W. Mitchell Diggs, Wm. J. Freyer and Chairman Walter J. Mitchell of the Shellfish Commission, all urged upon the Board that Charles County should be given some recognition in the appointment of these deputy commanders, and they presented the claims of Mr. Jno. G. Farr of Charles County for the captaincy of the "Bessie Jones."

Commander Howard introduced to the Board, Mr. Wm. Warren Clark of St. Mary's County, commander of the local boat there, who seeks re-appointment. Dr. Hayden endorsed Mr. Clark, and Senator Greenwell presented the application of George C. Guyther for Mr. Clark's place.

Commander Howard stated to the Board that Capt. Crittenden C. Harper does not desire re-appointment to the commandership of the "Eliza Hayward" in Talbot County waters, and Mr. Jno. W. Bridges, his mate, asked the Board to give him the place.

The Board, at 4 p. m. went into executive session. Mr. Thomas J. Ewell appeared before the Board, representing Mr. Thomas J. C. Williams, and stated that Mr. Williams had arranged to take over for Mrs. Norval E. Foard the preparation of the new edition of "Maryland As It Is," to cover the cost of which the Board of Public Works appropriated \$3000 to Norval E. Foard who died, however, before the

work was done; and Mr. Ewell stated, on behalf of Mr. Williams, that that gentleman intended to turn the entire appropriation, outside of the actual cost of preparation, printing, &c., over to Mrs. Foard, reserving nothing for his own time and labor.

"On motion of the Governor, seconded by the Comptroller, it was

RESOLVED, That Mr. T. J. C. Williams be, and he is hereby authorized, in pursuance of the appropriation of \$3000 made in the General Appropriation Bill of 1906, to compile and write a history of Maryland similar to "Maryland As It Is," by Norval E. Foard, showing also the resources of the State; and

RESOLVED, further, that upon the completion of the same in a manner satisfactory to this Board, said sum of \$3000 shall be paid to Mr. Williams."

On motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, the Governor was requested to remit such portions of the fines imposed upon the several violators of the oyster law now serving terms of imprisonment in default of the payment of said fines, as in his judgment it is manifestly impossible for them or their friends to pay, and Commander Howard, of the State Fishery Force, is hereby requested to inform the Governor as to the amounts which he believes each prisoner can actually pay on account of the fine imposed upon him.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held at the House of Correction on May 3, 1906 were read, and on motion of the Comptroller, seconded by the Treasurer, approved, and the action taken at that meeting was ratified and confirmed by the Board.

On motion, the Board, at 4.30 p. m., adjourned.

R. S. Hart, Secretary pro tem.

Osmond Dilghman
Secretary